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THE Duke of Portland has promised £2,000 towards establishing a chair of mining at Nottingham University College.

THE trustees of Cornell University have decided to limit the work in the medical department at Ithaca to one year in the future instead of two, as has been the custom since the school was founded.

OF thirty-one elections to the Phi Beta Kappa honorary fraternity at Cornell University, nineteen are women, and of twenty-seven elections at the University of Illinois twenty are women.

CLOSER relations are being established between the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, and the Mt. Sinai and German Hospitals in New York. The following members of the staffs of the hospitals have received appointments in Columbia University. From Mt. Sinai Hospital Drs. Brill, Libman, Gerster and Berg, and from the German Hospital, Drs. Kammerer, Stadtmüller and Hensel.

DR. GEORGE P. BURNS, of the University of Michigan, has been called to the chair of botany at the University of Vermont.

MR. LEONARD DONCASTER, lecturer in the University of Birmingham, known for his work in zoology and especially in heredity, has been elected a fellow of King's College, Cambridge.

MR. WILLIAM RAY, Rhode scholar from Adelaide at Oxford, has been elected to the Philip Walker studentship at Oxford, for research in pathology. The fellowship is of the value of £200 a year for three years.

DR. G. HABERLANDT, of Graz, has been called to the chair of botany at the University of Berlin, vacant by the retirement of Professor Schwendener.

DR. KARL UHLIG, of Berlin, has been called to the chair of geography at Tübingen, to succeed Professor K. Sapper.

DR. ALFRED GRUND, of the University of Berlin, has been made professor of geography in the German University of Prague.

DR. ERNST MEUMANN, of Halle, has been called to the chair of philosophy at Leipzig, vacant through the death of Professor Max Heinze.

#### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

##### THE DIRECTORY OF AMERICAN MUSEUMS

The Directory of American Museums of Art, History and Science, which is being prepared by the American Association of Museums, is nearly ready for the printers, and all museums which have not already returned information regarding their collections are urged to communicate at once with the undersigned.

The data desired include a list of the staff; an enumeration of the nature and extent of the collections, with comments on the more important material; a statement of the sources and amount of the financial support; particulars regarding the building, including the amount of floor space occupied; the scope and purposes of the museum; information concerning the museum library and publications, if any; and the times and conditions upon which the museum is open to the public, with statistics of attendance, if available.

The cooperation of the American museums is earnestly requested in order that the directory may be as complete as possible.

PAUL M. REA,  
THE CHARLESTON MUSEUM, *Secretary*  
CHARLESTON, S. C.

#### A QUEER FISH

SOME newspapers have connected me with the statement that a specimen said to be a fish with four legs was caught in Brazil. Permit me to say that the particular specimen has no legs and is not a fish.

C. H. EIGENMANN

#### SCIENTIFIC BOOKS

*Lehrbuch der Protozoenkunde. Eine Darstellung der Naturgeschichte der Protozoen mit besonderer Berücksichtigung der parasitischen und pathogenen Formen.* Zweite Auflage der "Protozoen als Parasiten und Krankheitserreger." Von Dr. F. Doflein.